

Moreland Hills Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2023
Forest Ridge Lang Pavilion

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 PM by the Chair, Mrs. Wyatt.

Members Present:

Mr. DeWater
Mrs. Freundlich
Mr. Frederick
Mr. Friedman
Ms. Hardin-Levine
Mr. Misterka
Mr. Olsson
Mrs. Sitzwohl
Mr. Spaulding
Mayor Spencer
Mrs. Wyatt

Members Absent:

Mr. Janke
Ms. Utech
Mrs. Geck

Approval of the minutes from Parks Commission meeting of July 17, 2023

Motion to approve: Mr. Frederick

Seconded: Mr. Olsson

Abstain: Ms. Hardin-Levine and Mayor Spencer

Yes: All other members in attendance

Introductions of new Parks Commission Member: Joy Utech

Ms. Utech was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Spencer provided some background information for Ms. Utech. She previously served on the Green Commission and the Diversity and Inclusion Commission

Updates from Mayor Spencer:

Mayor Spencer reported that the M.H.H.S. would like the Village and/or the Parks Commission to take over management of the cabin. Parks Commission members were asked to think about how the cabin could be managed and staffed.

The Mayor also reminded the Commission that the Greening the Hills event is scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd. Flyers for the H.F.T.H. event will be available at Greening the Hills.

Moreland Hills Historical Society:

No report

“More in the Hills” Events and Ideas

The Diversity and Inclusion Commission has scheduled an event for September 9th. It will include a food truck, ice cream vendor, and a corn hole tournament.

Mrs. Freundlich will contact Rachel Frutkin to establish a date for the running presentation.

Park Benches:

Mr. DeWater determined that plaques for the benches could be purchased from Gino's. Pricing would vary based on the number of characters on the plaque. The location of the bench would influence the pricing.

Ideas to Honor Mayor Dan Fritz:

No new discussion. This idea has not yet been discussed with the Fritz family

Head for the Hills: Mr. Friedman

All sponsors from last year's event have been contacted. Sponsors will need to confirm their commitments by September 20th to have their logos on the shirts. The final count for shirts and size mix is required by September 25th.

We currently have 14 silent auction commitments.

Ms. Hardin-Levine will confirm the food truck availability. She will also contact the reporter from the Chagrin Valley Times for possible promotion of the event and have the event posted on the M.H. Facebook Page.

There are 16 awards for the child age groups. Mr. Friedman indicated that Hermes offers medals for children.

Mr. Friedman also reported that registration is on track with last year's event.

Mr. DeWater reminded the commission that Chagrin River Road is scheduled for resurfacing during the time of the event.

The current balance of Parks Commission funds is \$14,419

Open Discussion:

October 21st and October 28th were proposed for the Halloween event. Mr. Dewater will check with the Metro Parks for their schedule of events. We need to confirm parking availability.

Mr. Spaulding suggested scheduling an event at the pavilion for the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024.

It was decided that the September Parks Commission meeting will be held at Lang Pavilion

Adjournment:

Move to adjourn: Ms. Hardin-Levine

Seconded: Mr. Olsson

Yes: All members